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1. NURES, MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DEPUTY DIRECTOR, BILATERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS), IN DISCUSSION OF OTHER SUBJECTS MARCH 4 WITH ECONOMIC COUNSELOR REFERRED TO THEIR PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS REGARDING STATUS OF MOBIL REFINERY IN TURKEY. NURES SAID EMBASSY'S REPRESENTATIONS ARE BEING CAREFULLY CONSIDERED WITHIN GOT AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IS WORKING ON THIS PROBLEM AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL WITH OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES. THE MINISTRY HOPED TO BE ABLE TO GIVE THE EMBASSY SOME RESPONSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IT IS DIFFICULT TO SAY WHEN A RESPONSE CAN BE EXPECTED BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY WORK LOAD NOW BEING HANDLED BY SENIOR OFFICERS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. (NURES HIMSELF HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A MISSION TO LIBYA TO ARRANGE FOR THE PURCHASE OF CRUDE PETROLEUM AND FUEL OIL FROM LIBYA.) ALSO THE PRESENT UNCERTAINTY SURROUNDING THE FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT IN TURKEY MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH TOUGH PROBLEMS SUCH AS THE DISPUTE INVOLVING MOBIL AND BP.

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2. NURES REFEREED TO THE EMBASSY'S LETTER OF FEBRUARY 13
INFORMING THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF POTENTIAL APPLICATION
OF NATIONALIZATION AND ARBITRATION PROVISIONS OF TRADE ACT TO GOT
ELIGIBILITY FOR US GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES IN EVENT
OF SUCH ACTION BY GOT AGAINST MOBIL. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR SAID
THAT EMBASSY'S LETTER WAS IN NO WAY INTENDED AS A THREAT TO
GOT. LETTER HAD BEEN WRITTEN IN SPIRIT OF FRIENDLY COOPERATION
THAT HAD MARKED EARLIER DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN EMBASSY AND MFA
OFFICIALS REGARDING POTENTIAL APPLICATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS
OF TITLE V OF TRADE ACT TO ELIGIBILITY STATUS OF TURKEY. NURES
SAID THAT IT WAS INDEED CLEAR FROM LANGUAGE OF LETTER THAT IT
HAD BEEN WRITTEN IN SPIRIT OF COOPERATION. NURES SAID THAT
EMBASSY LETTER MOREOVER WAS FOUND TO BE CONSTRUCTIVE IN TONE AND WAS
HELPFUL TO MSA IN DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM OF THE MOBIL REFINERY.
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